

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

State University's Great Work in Cattle Breeding—Prizes That Its Entries Have Won.

Nebraska Cattle Exhibit.

All Nebraskans will be interested to know that the exhibit of fat cattle sent to Chicago from the State University farm was again successful in winning several of the highest prizes shown in the world. Of the nine steers exhibited by our university, six were prize winners, one of them a nine-month-old calf, bred on the University farm, winning the Grand Angus Championship over all ages exhibited by the various state universities and agricultural colleges. Had Mr. Turner, who came from Herefordshire, England, to judge the grade steers and award the Grand Championship, judged the pure-bred steers, the University would have won on "Ruby"—a two-year-old Angus (pure bred)—the same honor that came to Challenger in 1905, viz., the Grand Championship plus "Ruby" under the English judge in the College Classes was placed ahead of the two steers that had defeated him under a Chicago judge and was pronounced by the English judge the best steer in the show. This, however, was after the Grand Championship had been awarded to a breeder from Illinois. "Ruby" was sold to "The Fair" department store at fifteen cents per pound live weight, the top price of the show for single individuals, bringing for beef \$275. On the yearling steers entered in the carcass contest, the University of Nebraska won both first and second prizes, which is a strong testimonial to the system of feeding practiced at our State Farm.

The exhibit this year, nine head, was the largest ever made by the University of Nebraska and a total of \$450 in prizes was won, to say nothing of the high prices received for the beef. One of the prize winners was selected from a carload of calves at the South Omaha stock yards nearly two years ago when a party of students were being instructed by Prof. Smith on the selection of feeding steers.

During the past few years the University has won \$1,500 in prizes at the International Stock Show on fifteen steers, one of the number, Challenger, winning \$420 in 1913. The high prize received for the beef have more than paid the expenses for exhibiting and the prize money has therefore been net profit to the state.

Charities and Corrections.

OMAHA—The tenth Nebraska state conference of Charities and Corrections met at Creighton Institute for a two days' session.

Rev. Father Joseph Reusing, president of the conference, delivered the annual address, in which he emphasized the need of awakening intelligent co-operation and the revision of certain state laws. He declared that there had existed in the organization a general apathy and that there were not two dozen genuine, active members. He reviewed the objects of the organization, which embraced the best methods of disbursing charity among the needy.

He said the State Conference of Charities and Corrections was a species of clearing house for all charitable activities. He reviewed the different work which can be and ought to be done by the organization.

Referring to the statute creating the State Board of Charities and Corrections, he said:

"Our people have been indignant and disgusted at the wording of the law creating that board. The law must be revised. The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings is responsible for all state buildings. Why, then, should the plans for such buildings be referred to the State Board of Charities and Corrections? They never are so referred and that part of the law is a dead letter. The four advisory secretaries have to pay their traveling expenses out of their own pockets and then wait months before being reimbursed. This is due to a blunder made in enumerating the items for which the \$4,000 state appropriation should be used. The secretaries should go about visiting the state institutions, investigating the manner in which they are conducted. Had the secretaries been in a position to do this, the abuses at the Norfolk asylum could never have occurred."

Levy for State Fair.

The State Fair board decided to introduce a bill in the legislature asking for a levy of 1/2 of a mill for the benefit of the state fair. No other appropriation will be asked for. Secretary McFarland was authorized to send out a circular letter over the state calling attention to the needs of permanent buildings on the fair grounds and to the work of other states along this line.

Free Postage for the Blind.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska introduced a bill providing for carrying free of postage in the mails reading matter for use of the blind. The bill provides that all reading matter in United States type, whether in Braille, New York point or Moon type, shall be carried in the mails free of postage to or from any blind person desiring to read the same. Such matter shall be forwarded and exchanged free with Canada and other countries where free postage for the blind is now or may be granted.

Pay for Third Regiment.

LINCOLN—Governor Mickey has on hand \$2,529.21, to be distributed among the members of the Third regiment who served during the Spanish war. The department appropriated \$5,644 more than this sum, but the lawyer who worked the claim through a suit to pay the private soldiers, from the time of their enlistment until the mustering in of the regiment, dating from May 27 to July 15, 1898. This sum does not include the \$9,000 due the commissioned officers.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Mrs. Little is seeking a pardon from Gov. Mickey.

In the revival at Fremont there were 550 conversions.

Several new cases of diphtheria are reported at Clearwater.

The district court of Cuming county will convene January 7th.

Postmaster McNally of Edgar has resigned and will remove to Iowa.

Work is to be started at once on the new Catholic parsonage in Beatrice.

Sioux City, Ia., and Dakota City, Neb., are to be connected by interurban.

Bogus ten dollar bills were passed in Fremont and a half dozen or more merchants are losers on account of them.

John Close of Columbus charged by Josie Sturek with being father of her child, has been bound over to the district court.

George Meyer of Platt county was injured in a runaway accident, and his leg has been amputated to prevent blood poisoning.

Measures are being taken to organize an anti-tobacco league among the young men who are students in the normal at Peru.

Nebraska has no outstanding bonds and has \$2,022,881 invested in the bonds of other states and \$3,616,747 in bonds of Nebraska counties.

The new state bank at Rosalie, a new town on the Great Northern extension, located a few miles from Bancroft, opened for business last week.

A man was found a mile from Greenwood, lying in the road with his throat cut. He was taken to a city hospital and it is thought he will recover.

Andrew Arnold of Red Cloud was so badly injured by the horse on which he was riding falling with him that very small hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Columbus is jubilant over the expectation of a \$45,000 appropriation for the new public building. Sealed offers have been put in by a number of people who have sites to sell.

Thieves entered the Burlington tool house in Wymore and stole a wagon load of valuable tools. Bloodhounds were put upon the trail, which was lost before proceeding very far.

E. J. King, sentenced to the penitentiary for two years and six months for burglary from Douglas county, was discharged by the governor, who commuted his sentence to a term commencing over nine months.

The Board of Supervisors of Butler county has employed John Streeter as superintendent of the county poor farm for another year at a salary of \$800. He has held that position for several years and has made a good superintendent.

Jay O'Hearn, an Omaha boy murderer under sentence of death sentenced for the killing of Nels Lausten, a saloon-keeper, has filed a brief in support of his petition in error in the supreme court. The brief is filed by Attorney James P. English.

The semi-annual school apportionment, which has been made by the state treasurer gives Antelope county \$3,176.32. The amount will be at once apportioned to the different school districts by Superintendent Ward and the directors notified.

The Nemaha county fair grounds, located at Salem, were sold at sheriff's sale in Falls City, to satisfy a mortgage held by the Salem Interstate Chautauque association. The property was purchased by the Richardson County Fair association.

A conference is now on whereby eastern capital figures to install an electric light and power plant in Alliance in case proper arrangements can be made. The town for some time has been considering the feasibility of establishing such a plant.

A check for \$24,555.84 was received by County Treasurer Troupe of Buffalo county from the Union Pacific Railroad company in payment of a part of the taxes of the company for the year 1906. The total amount of the tax is \$37,112.25, leaving a balance of \$12,556.54 unpaid.

A campaign has been instituted to do away with the orthopedic hospital at Lincoln, and to distribute the crippled children among the general hospitals of the state, using them for clinical demonstrations and keeping them at the expense of the state. This movement meets with strong disapproval on the part of most physicians.

Governor Mickey has informed Dr. F. M. Slisson of the Omaha child saving society that he will not commute the death sentence of Jay O'Hearn of Douglas county, to life imprisonment.

Dr. Slisson visited the governor to inquire for the young prisoner. Mrs. O'Hearn visited her son at the prison and an affectionate interview followed.

State Oil Inspector Ed. A. Church broke the monthly record for the year during the month of November by turning into the state treasury a balance of \$1,434.67, as the surplus of receipts over expenditures. He received \$2,530.40 and expended \$1,095.73, including salaries for himself and office force and deputy inspectors and supplies for the office.

He is a candidate for commandant of the soldiers' home. He is one of the oldest residents of the southeastern part of the state and is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Steady improvement in efficiency of marksmanship in the Nebraska National guard is shown in the annual report of Lieutenant E. H. Muldowney, inspector of small arms practice. The percentage of the First regiment came up from 12.89 to 22.8 per cent; that of the Second regiment from 7.32 to 19.87 per cent.

Rev. C. M. Ritchie, pastor of the United Presbyterian church at North Bend, has tendered his resignation in order to accept a call to a pulpit at New Concord, O.

Following is the mortgage record for Johnson county for the month of November: Farm mortgages filed, six; amount, \$15,500; released, six; amount, \$8,675. Town and city mortgages filed five; amount, \$7,300; released, twelve; amount, \$7,025.5. Chattel mortgages filed, thirty-four; amount, \$10,546.95; released, twenty-seven; amount, \$9,258.85.

Great grandson of Jeff Davis. Colorado Springs, Col.—A son has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Webb. Mrs. Webb is a granddaughter of the late Jefferson Davis, and the newcomer is the only great grandson of the confederate president.

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THE PRESIDENT SENDS A FEW MESSAGES TO CONGRESS.

[By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.]



GUILTY OF LAND FRAUD

OFFICERS OF A NEBRASKA CATTLE COMPANY CONVICTED.

Richards, Comstock and Others Are Proved to Have Had Fraudulent Homestead Entries Made.

Omaha, Neb.—The trial in the federal district court of Bartlett Richards, president; Will G. Comstock, vice president; and C. C. Jamieson, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company, controlling the 400,000-acre "Spade" ranch, and Aquila Triplett, their agent, ended Thursday evening in the conviction of the four defendants on 36 counts of an indictment which charged conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands and subornation of perjury. The jury took but two hours to consider the evidence.

This trial began November 19 and the jury was completed two days later. The entire time of the court since then was devoted to hearing testimony for the government and the arguments of the attorneys, no witnesses being introduced for the defense.

The accusation against the officers of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company was that they attempted to secure title to vast tracts of land within the "Spade" ranch enclosure in Cherry, Sheridan and Box Butte counties, Nebraska, by means of fraudulent homestead entries under the Kinkaid law, which permitted the homesteader to take up a section of land in the semi-arid districts. Scores of witnesses were introduced who swore that they filed on the lands at the solicitation of agents of the principal defendants, with the understanding that the would be paid all the way from \$300 to \$1,000 for their claims when title was secured, and that all necessary improvements would be made by the company.

A year ago Richards and Comstock, who are counted in the millionaire class, were indicted in the federal court of illegally fencing government land, and fined \$300 each and sentenced to six hours' imprisonment each. The latter part of the sentence was served at the Omaha club in the nominal custody of their attorney, who had been deputized for that duty by United States Marshal T. L. Matthews.

Morton Park Bank Closes. Chicago.—The Lincoln National bank at Morton Park, was closed Monday as the result of bankruptcy proceedings begun in the United States district court. There are about 500 depositors. The petition in bankruptcy is directed against W. J. Atkinson, owner of the bank. The bank paid four per cent on savings accounts, and carried about \$90,000 deposits.

Four Burn to Death in Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y.—Four persons were burned to death and one was fatally burned in a fire at the Zenobia apartment house at Prospect avenue and Huron street Wednesday night.

Bandit Commits Murder. Leadville, Col.—A masked bandit here early Thursday morning after shooting and fatally wounding Joe Dale, ticket agent at the Denver & Rio Grande depot, robbed the cash drawer of its contents and escaped.

Postal Deficit Reduced. Washington.—A reduction of more than \$4,000,000 in the excess of expenditures over receipts of the post office department is shown in the annual report of Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general.

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QUITS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Congress Adjourns to January 3—Senator Foraker Criticizes President.

Washington.—Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the senate in its last session before the holiday recess Thursday in an extended criticism of the basis of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry on account of the Brownsville raid. He was replied to briefly by Senator Lodge, while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio senator for a full investigation of the matter by the senate military committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the senate for action at its next meeting.

The senate adjourned until January 3, 1907.

After being in session three-quarters of an hour, the house also adjourned until January 3. Empty desks greeted the speakers when the house convened and even among the members who remained the desire to get away for the holidays was superior to the inclination for business.

Washington.—President Roosevelt Wednesday in a message to the senate replied to the resolutions of Senators Penrose and Foraker calling for information regarding the discharge of negro soldiers at Brownsville, Tex. The president condemns "the murderous conduct" of the troops in question, declaring that "a blacker crime never stained the annals of our army" and that the proper punishment for the Brownsville mutineers and murderers is death. He regrets that he cannot punish the ringleaders and their abettors.

Washington.—President Roosevelt Tuesday sent to congress a message on the San Francisco Japanese trouble with a lengthy report on the whole situation by Secretary Metcalf, who investigated conditions on the spot. The president says that he authorized Secretary Metcalf to tell the San Francisco authorities that in case of their failure to protect the Japanese all the forces of the United States civil and military, which the president could lawfully employ to that end, would be so employed.

VATICAN'S PROTEST GIVEN OUT. Dignified Note Concerning the Expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini.

Rome.—The Vatican has issued a note of protest against the course of the French government and forwarded it to all papal representatives abroad, including the apostolic delegates.

The note is calm and dignified in tone and protests primarily that the rights of religion have been outraged by the French government preventing the head of the church from communicating with the French hierarchy by the expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, who was secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris.

Fatal Fire in Butler, Pa. Butler, Pa.—Mrs. Frank Mills, 50 years old, was burned to death and 60 persons were made homeless by a fire Thursday night, which caused a loss of \$10,000. The fire followed an explosion of a can of oil.

Prison for Bank Robber. Great Bend, Kan.—Joseph S. Kerns, captured here recently after holding up a local bank, was arraigned Wednesday, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of from ten to 21 years.

Fatal Accident to Fast Train. Canton, O.—The Pennsylvania Limited, eastbound, crashed into a freight train in the Canton yards Sunday night. Engineer John Ray and Fireman George Nichols, of the freight, were fatally injured.

Commission Concern Fails. Columbus, O.—The Interstate Commerce commission, which has headquarters in Columbus, closed its doors Tuesday. The company was organized about a year ago with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Sutton Defeats Willie Hoppe. New York.—George Sutton still holds the world's championship at pool, having defeated Willie Hoppe, 15-3 last week. Sutton defeated Willie Hoppe, 15-3 last week.

Indicted for Robbing. Toledo, O.—The United States grand jury Tuesday returned indictments against the Ann Arbor railway and the Toledo Ice and Coal company for giving and accepting rebates on ice shipments.

TO END CAR FAMINE

SENATOR HANSBROUGH PREPARES OUTLINES OF A BILL.

NEW RATE LAW BLAMED

Held Responsible for Conditions by Senator Kittredge—Towns Now Suffering for Food.

Washington.—Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, who has taken an active interest in steps to remedy the situation caused by the car shortage, particularly in the northwest, has prepared the outlines of legislation which, he believes, if enacted into law, will tend to prevent a recurrence of the present condition of affairs. These have been shown to the president, at whose suggestion the senator's ideas were put into shape, and to Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission. They contemplate legislation along the following lines:

Giving the interstate commerce commission power to inquire into the equipment capacity, under stress of extraordinary requirements, of all interstate railways.

Giving the commission authority to require shippers holding cars in demurrage to unload and reload such cars within 24 hours after the cars have been placed in a position to be unloaded.

Making it a misdemeanor for common carriers to compel trainmen to attempt to move trains containing tonnage in excess of the registered tonnage capacity of the engines hauling such trains.

Authorizing the commission to require the temporary use of idle equipment of one railroad line to supplement the overtaxed equipment of another.

Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, expressed the opinion Wednesday that the coal famine in the northwest is the result of the requirement of the amended interstate commerce law under which the railroads have to give 30 days' notice before changing a rate, and also the result of the action of the retailers in putting off shipment of coal until they could have the advantage of the new rate.

Towns Short of Food. Minneapolis, Minn.—Coupled with reports of fuel famine in the northwest come reports of still another cause of suffering—a shortage of food supplies. Inadequate service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies, and now there are towns which are not only suffering from want of fuel, but even for food.

A telegram from a citizen's committee of Ambrose, N. D., is as follows: "Ambrose is without coal and provisions. Twenty cars of fuel and food in the hands of the railway company must be brought here by special train at once in order to relieve the situation or great suffering will result. Have wired the general manager of the Soo line, but no assurance of relieving present needs has been secured."

RIVER PACKET BLOWS UP. Fourteen Persons Killed in Disaster on Mississippi River.

Vicksburg, Miss.—According to the latest news obtainable by long distance phone from places near Gold Dust landing, where the steamer W. L. Scovell blew up Wednesday, the list of dead and missing totals 14, and the injured include four white men and several negroes. The white dead are:

Captain John A. Quackenbush, master, Vicksburg; L. Wade Quackenbush, Vicksburg; Clerk Joseph Smith, Yazoo City; Leval Yerger, Jackson.

The other ten dead and missing include some deck passengers and routeboats.

The accident occurred at Gold Dust landing, about 17 miles south of this city. The boat was at the landing taking on freight when an explosion came and the boat was blown to pieces. Many of the timbers were thrown hundreds of yards and the boat began to sink immediately.

It is said the accident was caused by a defective boiler plate. The captain was one of the oldest and best known residents of this city and was well known to every man on the river. The steamer Scovell was only recently purchased by him and others for the Vicksburg-Davis Bend trade. The boat was insured for \$6,000. Wade Quackenbush was the son of Capt. Quackenbush.

Might Blow Up Mikado's Ships. Honolulu.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron, which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will not proceed to San Francisco, as originally intended, because a reputation of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

Sheriff of Wabash County, Ill., Killed. Mount Carmel, Ill.—Sheriff Alex Compton, of Wabash county, was shot and killed at Keensburg Thursday afternoon while about to take a child from his father, David Kellum, and turn it over to the mother.

"Had a Right to Kill His Wife." Butler, Pa.—Max Kaffie, a Russian, killed his wife Thursday night by striking her on the head with an iron, and also injured a young daughter and a brother. He told the police he had a right to slay his wife.

Serious Fire in Goshen, Ind. Goshen, Ind.—The most disastrous conflagration that has ever visited this city occurred Tuesday evening, when the new Jefferson block was totally destroyed. The loss will approximate \$150,000.

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BISHOP M'GABE IS DEAD

NOTED METHODIST CLERGYMAN PASSED AWAY.

Apoplectic Stroke Results Fatally—His Career as a War Chaplain and Missionary Society Secretary.

New York.—Bishop Charles G. McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in the New York hospital at 5:30 a. m. Wednesday. Death was due to apoplexy, with which the bishop was stricken several days ago while passing through this city on his way to his home in Philadelphia. Mrs. McCabe and the bishop's niece, who have been with him almost constantly since he was stricken, were at the bedside when the noted clergyman passed away.

Bishop McCabe was born at Athens, O., Oct. 11, 1836. He entered the Ohio conference of the Methodist church in 1859.

Following the war he became pastor of a church at Portsmouth, O., and later was associated as assistant secretary with the board of church extension.

His success as a money-raiser was remarkable and later, as secretary of the Methodist Missionary society, to which post he was elected in 1884, he added half a million dollars to the annual income of the society. He was a singer and his songs were a feature of his pleas for funds. He was chosen chancellor of the American university at Washington, Dec. 10, 1902.

NEED NOT PAY BONI'S DEBTS. Mme. Gould Wins Suits Brought by Castellani's Creditors.

Paris.—Madame Gould, the former Countess Boni de Castellani, has been victorious in the suits brought by creditors and money lenders against her with the object of making her jointly responsible with the count. Thirteen of the 15 cases were dismissed Wednesday by the court, with costs against the plaintiffs.

Only in the cases of two art dealers did the court express the opinion that Madame Gould should be held responsible, as the objects purchased in these instances for the most part were still in her possession. There are still three cases to be passed upon, and they will be decided December 26.

In dismissing the 13 suits the court held that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that the debts were contracted for the common benefit of the count and countess. The latter, the court declared, had more than fulfilled the obligations under her marriage contract. During her wedded life she had retained nothing for herself, her entire revenue being collected by her husband, and employed, according to his own admission, either for the household expenses or for the payment of his personal debts.

Date Set for Thaw Trial. New York.—Harry Kendall Thaw will be placed on trial on Monday, January 21, in the criminal branch of the New York state supreme court, charged with the murder of Stanford White. This date was set Tuesday by Justice Newburger when a motion made by Thaw's counsel for the dismissal of the indictment against him or for the fixing of a date for the trial was to have been argued.

Arkansas Bank Robbed. Texarkana, Ark.—The bank of Horatio, Ark., a small town of about 50 miles north of this place, was looted by two robbers Wednesday afternoon. They covered the cashier with pistols and took about \$4,000.

Government Crop Bulletin. Washington.—A bulletin issued by the agricultural department Thursday shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 2,927,416,091; winter wheat, 492,888,094; bushels; spring wheat, 212,372,966 bushels.

Begins War on Ice Trust. Albany, N. Y.—Attorney General Julius Mayer Thursday began an action against the American Ice company in the supreme court of New York county for the dissolution of the so-called "ice trust."

Patrick Saved from Death. Albany, N. Y.—Gov. Higgins Thursday commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death under which Albert T. Patrick has remained five years for the murder of William Marsh Rice.

Pickpocket Gets \$6,000. Philadelphia.—Mrs. Ella V. Kober was robbed of \$6,000 by a pickpocket in the holiday crowds in the shopping district here Wednesday. Mrs. Kober had the money in a secret pocket in an undershirt.

Hotel Man Accused of Arson. Middleton, O.—C. N. Powers, proprietor of the Rommel house, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday, was arrested on a charge of arson Wednesday afternoon at his other hotel in Franklin.

MR BROWN'S WILL

PARENTAGE OF THE BRADLEY CHILDREN IS DENIED.

ALL OF THEM ARE CUT OFF

Does Not Acknowledge That Any of the Children Born to Mrs. Bradley Are His—Names of Those Children Heretofore.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Had the late ex-Senator Arthur Brown foreseen his death at the hands of Mrs. Bradley, he could have devised no more ingenious retaliation than the postmortem revenge contained in his will. The document, which was written August 24, 1906, four months before Mr. Brown was shot down at the Raleigh in Washington, was filed Friday for probate.

"I do not devise, or give or bequeath anything to any of the children of Mrs. Anna M. Bradley," is the language of the will. "I do not think either or any child born to Mrs. Anna M. Bradley is or are mine, but whether such child is or is not I expressly provide that neither or any of them shall receive anything of my estate."

"I have never married Anna M. Bradley and never intend it. If she should pretend that any such relation ever existed between us to justify such inference I direct my executor to contest any claims of any kind she may present, and I direct that she receive nothing from my estate."

The testator bequeaths all his property, valued at about \$75,000, to his two children by his first and second wives, Alice Brown and Max Brown.

The children so specifically disinherited are Arthur, aged 7, and Mark, aged 3 years. The attorneys engaged by Mrs. Bradley's relatives in Salt Lake decline to discuss the will at this time, but there is scarcely a question that a contest will be instituted, as much for the purpose of establishing their parentage as to secure a monetary consideration. This is the more likely as Mrs. Bradley is, or was, a few months ago, in possession of letters signed with Brown's name in which the relationship with one or both of the children is acknowledged. In one of these letters, written after the birth of the first child, occurs the quotation: "Our blood with mine mingled yet shall mount the throne of kings."

MORE LAND TRIALS. Government Has Only Made a Beginning on the Cases on the Docket.

OMAHA—With the conclusion of the Richards and Comstock trial, the trial of cattlemen and land speculators has only begun in the United States district court. Whether all of these cases can be tried during the present term of the federal court remains yet to be determined. A large number of indictments yet remains upon the criminal docket. Among them are two against F. H. Walcott, who was acquitted in case just closed. These indictments are for conspiracy to defraud and for the subornation of perjury in certain land transactions.

A. R. Modisett, A. M. Modisett, H. C. Dale and William Smoot are indicted for conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to suborn perjury, involving the enclosure of 40,000 acres of land. The first three defendants are officers and stockholders in the Stockville bank and Smoot was formerly government farmer at the Pine Ridge Indian agency. This will be the first case tried and is set for January 4.

ARRESTED—OR OMAHA MURDER. Man's Wife and Sister Furnish the Information.

PORTLAND, Ore.—On the charge of killing a woman in Omaha several years ago, Walter D. Bitters, aged 60 years, was arrested on information furnished by Mrs. Annie Hillman of Portland, his sister, and Mrs. Sarah Bitters, his wife. Bitters, they say, escaped punishment because the Omaha woman, with dying breath, swore the killing was accidental, loving him well enough to shield him. Bitters himself admits killing a woman, whose name is uncertain, but says it was in Keokuk, Ia., and that it was accidental.

Honors for An Omaha Boy. CAMBRIDGE—Two scholarships awards in the long list granted by the Harvard faculty are one each to an Omaha and a Burlington, Ia., student. Robert Ransom Bradford, '07 of Omaha, is awarded a Harvard college scholarship, so called, and Kennedy Roehner, a lawns, '08 of Burlington, is also awarded a Harvard college scholarship. These are both awarded for high academic distinction and are among the most important of the year.

President's Holidays. WASHINGTON—Unless present plans are disarranged, President Roosevelt will spend a portion of the Christmas holidays at Pine Knot, Va., the country home purchased by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Rockefeller Ready to Appear. NEW YORK—Replying to the inquiry whether he would be prepared to go to court about his presence desired in connection with the government's suit against the Standard Oil company, Mr. Rockefeller said: "It will be a sorry day for the country and all of us when our courts are not respected and we cannot respect them and our laws are not upheld. We must have law and order and we must have courts to enforce them. What else can I do but go to court when summoned?"

Smooth Swindler Captured. KEOKUK, Ia.—Samuel James, who has procured an unknown, but large, amount of money in the middle west during the last year by swindling unsuspecting farmers and widows, was arrested in Washington Friday in an attempt to relieve a woman of \$4 in cash, and is now in jail here. He appears very modest and unused to the world's ways. Offering almost any sum for a piece of property, he would produce a forged endorsement from a lawyer, which more usually worked.